

# Annual Report

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## 1. ANNUAL RESEARCH AND ORIENTATION WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Annual Research and Orientation Programme on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees is the flagship programme of CRG that aims to bring into focus a critical discourse on migration and displacement. In 2021 the Sixth phase of the programme was held in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and other universities and institutions in India from November 15-20, 2021 in Kolkata, India. Participants in the workshop were selected from among applicants from South Asia as well as other parts of the globe and assigned to modules based on their preferences, and their research interests. This year CRG designed and organized a distance segment of the workshop prior to the physical event in Kolkata in November. The programme was divided into six working groups on the following themes, each thematic module being assigned their respective coordinators.

**Module A:** Protection and Punishment (Race, Caste, and Policing)

**Module B:** Migrant Workers and the Refugee: Complicated Terrains of Welfare and Asymmetric Social Protection

**Module C:** Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economics, Politics, and Gender Division

**Module D:** Forced Migration, Law and Critical Jurisprudence

**Module E:** Derogation of Rights of Refugees and Migrants, and Situations of Statelessness

**Module F:** Protection Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity

The idea was to remotely provide effective mentorship to the participants and guide them in formulating their research plan and in writing their abstracts and papers. To this end, an online ground-breaking meeting with the participants and the resource persons was organized on 30 July where the design and the deliverables of the workshop were explained. Following that, each module had three virtual meetings between the participants and the module tutors during the month of July-September. These meetings were organized to guide the participants in developing their papers on the basis of the abstracts submitted before. The respective tutors, and in some cases invited external experts, explained the theme and the scope of the modules, discussed the abstracts in details and provided them with critical suggestions or inputs on their research and writing. Besides these formal meetings, the tutors also mentored the participants through individual email communications throughout the distance segment of the programme. At the end of the distance segment, four participants discontinued due to personal issues and the workshop moved onto the next phase with the remaining 25 participants.

The international conference that followed had panels on wide-ranging themes including the basic research idea on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees. There were 89 participants in the Workshop and Conference. It hosted panels addressing the experiences of migration, climate change, and displacement. Invited international speakers of global renown addressed key contemporary concerns on migration and the conference. The proceedings of the workshop and the conference culminated in the adoption of a resolution titled the *Kolkata Declaration on the Need for a Coherent Protection Policy and Justice for Refugees and Migrants of Afghanistan* on the final day of the event on 20 November 2021. It is hoped that the Declaration will have an impact on international organisations working with refugees like the UNHCR, IOM, and other state and non-state organisations and individuals to raise demands to

protect the right to life and livelihood of the Afghans and non- Afghans who want to leave in Afghanistan. The resolution also demands to prevent the forcible return of the refugees and asylum seekers. The resolution also demands the adoption of multi-dimensional policy responses to support the Afghans seeking protection from persecution, abuses, and violations of their life, dignity, and rights. Some of the workshop sessions, special lectures, conference sessions, and inaugural and valedictory sessions had been organised in a hybrid mode. For the Report on the Workshop and Conference see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/Report\\_on\\_Migration.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/Report_on_Migration.pdf)

For the Kolkata Declaration on Afghanistan see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/Kolkata\\_Appeal\\_Afghanistan-2021.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/Kolkata_Appeal_Afghanistan-2021.pdf)

For details on the public lectures of the Workshop and Conference refer to Section 4.

## **2. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES**

### **2.1. Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration, in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna: Migration and Forced Migration Studies with particular focus on South Asia and its European-Asian Dimension (2020-2021, completed); and Justice, Protection and Government of the People: A Two-Year Research and Orientation Programme on Protection and Democracy in a Post-Covid World (2021-2023, ongoing)**

The Research programme “Migration and Forced Migration Studies with particular focus on South Asia and its European-Asian Dimension, (2019-2021)” in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, aimed at linking the European and the Global South experiences of migration and forced migration. The project promoted collaborative studies in the uneven geographies of the global protection regime for the refugees and the migrants, especially at the particular intersection of neoliberal economies and postcolonial politics. It connected cross-regional research and policy analysis with specific focus on migration in South Asia. The project was completed in March 2022.

While the covid pandemic reconfigured the notions of work, labour and more specifically mobility, the horizon of the post-pandemic world remains even blurry as one tries to figure out the relations between governmentality and people in a complex maze of care and protection. Focusing on the lives of the people and bio-politics of the governed the “Justice, Protection and Government of the People: A Two-Year Research and Orientation Programme on Protection and Democracy in a Post-Covid World’ (2021-2023)” will attempt to build a Europe-South Asia Platform for studying forced migration.

The South-Asian segment of this Europe-Asia research platform is held at CRG under the Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies and led by the Director and managed by two researchers and the administration-accounts department. The main research activities conducted in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna (2021-2022) are:

- Long 2020; Migrant in the Electoral Times; Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference in Migration and Forced Migration Studies; Winter Camp.
- Media segment including creative media output: Media Fellowship.
- Visiting Fellowships.
- Teachers Workshop and Migration Pedagogy and Syllabus Making Exercise.
- Public outreach through public lectures.

- Regional dialogues, focusing on labour migration and climate and ecological displacements: Bengal-Bihar Dialogue.
- Academic publications: Journal, Books, Occasional papers.
- Refugee Watch Online: Blogs on forced migration studies.
- Creative Programmes and Audio-Visual Resources: Educational films, podcasts, exhibitions.
- Translated Essays

### 1.1.1. Research work

#### Staff Researchers

In 2021, three CRG desk researchers looked into a multitude of citizen-refugee duality experiences in the politics of the local in the nation-building process. Ankur Tamuli Phukan (February 2021-March 2022) worked on *'The Politics of the Local: The Contingencies of Citizenry in Assam: A Case Study'*, Rituparna Datta (March 2021-present) worked on *'The Refugees of West Bengal in 1971'* and Priyanka Dey (February 2021-December 2022) worked on *'Politics of Health in Post-Partition Bengal: A Historical Investigation into Practices of Care and Solidarity, 1947-1966.'* For details of abstracts, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Migration\\_Research\\_2021.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Migration_Research_2021.asp).

In 2022, two staff researchers are working on environmental issues and colonial migration. Shatabdi Das (January 2022-present) is studying urban development and climate crisis in Kolkata, while Rituparna Datta looks into architectural patterns and diaspora settlements. For the detailed report of Staff Researchers Workshop on 28 January 2022, see:

<http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Report%20on%20CRG%20Staff%20Researchers%20Workshop-28%20January%202022.pdf>

#### Contracted Researchers

The contracted researchers have worked on varied themes in 2021-2022 and selected research papers are being compiled in edited volumes for forthcoming publications.

Under the Europe-Asia Research Platform of the project "Migration and Forced Migration Studies with particular focus on South Asia and its European-Asian Dimension (2019-2021)", the contracted researchers were - Shyamalendu Majumdar (Associate Professor, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata), *'Theatre and pandemic'*; Sucharita Sengupta (Ph.D. Researcher, Graduate Institute, Geneva), *'Waiting to belong?:- Women, war of words and activism in Rohingya camps of Bangladesh'*; Sangbida Lahiri (Ph.D. Researcher, University of Calcutta) worked on care-givers in the pandemic; Priyanka Dey (Researcher) *'Ecology, Land, and Capitalist Development of a Resource Frontier: The Sundarbans in the Colonial Times.'*

The contracted researchers under the Europe-South Asia segment of the project "Justice, Protection and Government of the People: A Two-Year Research and Orientation Programme on Protection and Democracy in a Post-Covid World (2021-2023)" are: Anita Sengupta (Director, Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata), *'The Pandemic and Governance in Central Asia'*; Santi Sarkar (Assistant Professor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal), *'The Politics of Populist Policies in West Bengal'*; Sohini Sengupta (Assistant

Professor, TISS Mumbai), *'Cultures, Histories and Drought in the Context of Climate Change Induced Dislocations and Mitigation Efforts: A Case study of the Mahanadi Basin Area in Odisha'*.

### 1.2.2. Media Programme and Fellowships

In 2021, five media fellows were awarded short-term media grants for investigative studies on the theme *'What Happened to the Refugees and Migrants in the Covid Year of 2020'*—Aman (Siddhant) Gupta (Freelance journalist), *'Conditions of Labourers in Regions like Bundelkhand after Corona Epidemic'*; Devika Singh Shekhawat (PhD Scholar, Ambedkar University, Delhi), *'Work Health and Labour: ASHA Workers in Tea Plantations of Assam'*; Nivedita Manpoong (Nellie) (Journalist, Arunachal Times), *'Arunachal Pradesh's Response to Migrant Workers During COVID-19 Lockdown: A Case Study in Itanagar'*; Sukanta Sarkar (Journalist, Ei Samay), *'Migrant Labours at the Sinking Islands in Sundarbans'*; Shuvankur Ghosh (Commissioned Photographer, Roli Books and Freelance Photojournalist), *'How Migrant Workers from the Sundarbans are Reimagining their Future at a Time of Uncertain Work Prospects During the Pandemic'*. For details, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Media\\_Researchs\\_2021.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Media_Researchs_2021.asp)

For 2022, CRG will be organising a media workshop on *'Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of Media'* in joint collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Commonwealth Journalists Association-India (CJA-I) and IWM, Vienna. The short-term media fellowship grantee is Muna Sunuwar (Journalist, Republica English Daily). She will be presenting a brief report on *'Effects of Climate Change and Pandemic on Nepali Migrant Workers and their Families'*.

### 1.2.3. Visiting Fellowships

In 2021, three researchers from Bangladesh and Nepal visited CRG on a two-week fellowship. From Nepal, Som Niroula (Programme Officer, Nepal Institute of Peace), *'Commitment and Action in Implementation of Global Compact on Migration in Nepal'* and Neetu Pokharel (Programme Officer, Alliance for Social Dialogue, Nepal) worked on *'Statelessness and the Plight of Women in Nepal'*. Niloy Ranjan Biswas (Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka) from Bangladesh worked on *'The Remaking of Rohingyas in the Host Communities of Cox's Bazar: The Intersectionality of Identity, Politics and Culture'*.

For full details see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Visiting\\_Fellowships\\_2021.html](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Visiting_Fellowships_2021.html)

As part of the Europe-Asia Platform on Forced Migration, Rajat Kanti Sur and Shatabdi Das were Junior Visiting Fellows at the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna in March and April 2022 respectively. Rajat Kanti Sur worked on *'Cooperative as the Solution to the Vulnerability of the Migrants: A Study on the Sex Workers' Cooperative in Kolkata'* (For details, see: <https://www.iwm.at/fellow/rajat-sur>). Shatabdi Das worked on *'Urbanization and Climate Crisis: A Study on Kolkata'*. For details, see:

<https://www.iwm.at/fellow/shatabdi-das>

### 1.2.4. Translated Essays

Manjira Saha's edited book *'The Labour Train'* has been translated into English by Purna Banerjee (Associate Professor, Presidency University) and the book *'Refugees in West Bengal'* edited by Pradip

Bose (Former Professor, CSSSC and Founder Member, CRG) was translated by Prasit Das (Independent Researcher, Kolkata) into Bengali.

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## **2.2. Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants (January 2021-December 2021, completed) and Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants in 2022 (January 2022-March 2022, ongoing) in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (2021-2022)**

In 2021, the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) project was on the theme of “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants”. The broad research activities conducted with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung are:

- Research activities by the staff researchers and the contracted researchers under the broad theme of “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants”.
- Annual Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees (2021).
- Living Archive: Archives on Covid-19 and migrant workers during the pandemic
- Public Lectures
- Publications: Occasional papers

For details, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021\\_Home.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/RLS_Migration_2021_Home.asp)

In 2022, the research theme is titled “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants in 2022”. An online discussion about the ongoing research programmes was held on 28 January 2022 to decide the overall research agenda of the institute’s research project for the year. In 2022, the main research activities to be conducted are:

- Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference.
- Follow-up Meets on Workshops to establish an alumni network.
- Handbook/Volume of keywords in refugee and migration studies.
- Media Programmes: Media Workshop, Three media fellowships, Podcasts/ columns on the theme of migration matters as interventions in the mainstream public discourse on migration.
- Publications: Occasional papers

For project overview, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2022/RLS\\_Migration\\_2022\\_Home.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/RLS_Migration_2022_Home.asp)

### **1.1.1. Research work**

In 2021 three staff researchers (Anand Upendran, Rajat Kanti Sur and Shatabdi Das) and eight contracted researchers (Anjuman Ara Begum, Dipanjan Sinha, Manish K Jha, Mouleshri Vyas, Nasreen Chowdhory, Piya Srinivasan, Ronak Chhabra, Samir K. Das, and Utsa Sarmin) worked broadly on themes focusing on climate change, ethics and care of protection, migration and public health, labour migration, political philosophy, ‘Refugees and Migrants in Electoral Politics and Transformations in Global Protection Regimes’. Utsa Sarmin did a series of six podcasts on climate disaster and displacement in Sundarbans of West Bengal. For the details of staff researchers and contracted researchers and their research briefs see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021\\_Research\\_Segment.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/RLS_Migration_2021_Research_Segment.asp)

Rajat Kanti Sur is the only researcher under RLS till March 31, 2022. For the academic year 2022, he will work on the migrant labour cooperatives and the relevance of cooperative movement to deal with the basic problems of the migrants. The advertisement to take one more researcher was published on 24 February 2022. The advertisement for three media fellowships was published in April. For details see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2022/RLS\\_Migration\\_2022\\_Research\\_Segment.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/RLS_Migration_2022_Research_Segment.asp)

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### **2.3. Media, Information, and Participation in Displacement and Migration Settings—How Free is the Media? In collaboration with Deutsche Welle (2021-2022, completed)**

Independent and responsible media are crucial to increase the visibility of refugees and migrants in the public discourse. With this belief, Calcutta Research Group (CRG) collaborated with DW Akademie and the Centre for International Media Assistance (CIMA) to organize multi-stakeholder consultations themed on the concept of “How Free is the Media?” in reporting migrants and refugees. These consultations, held in February and March 2022, involved journalists (including journalists in exile), documentary-makers, media experts, academics, rights activists, and representatives of civil society organisations from all eight South Asian countries—Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The consultations aimed to:

- find out how media coverage and participation of refugees and migrants in public discourse can be improved, and
- indicate ways to strengthen regional cooperation and cross-border approaches to address the common challenges faced by the media while reporting on migration and displacement in South Asian countries.

Nasreen Chowdhory (Associate Professor, University of Delhi and Vice-President, Calcutta Research Group), Priyanka Dey (Researcher, Calcutta Research Group), Samata Biswas (Assistant Professor, The Sanskrit College and University and Treasurer, Calcutta Research Group), Utsa Sarmin (Researcher and Journalist) were part of this research project. The consultations were supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

A Report titled ‘*South Asia Consultations: Media, Information, and Participation in Displacement and Migration Settings*’ was published with the recommendations from these consultative meets. For the Report see: <https://www.dw.com/en/south-asia-consultations-media-information-and-participation-in-displacement-and-migration-settings/a-61845931>; and [http://www.mcrgr.ac.in/DWakademie/CRG\\_DWA\\_CIMA\\_Consultation\\_2022%20\\_Report.pdf](http://www.mcrgr.ac.in/DWakademie/CRG_DWA_CIMA_Consultation_2022%20_Report.pdf)

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### **2.4. European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR), in collaboration with the University of Oldenburg, Germany and Rabindra Bharati University, India (2022-2027)**

EMMIR is the first African-European-Asian Erasmus Mundus programme in migration studies run by a consortium of 9 partners in Europe, Africa and Asia. Rabindra Bharati University (RBU) and CRG jointly collaborated as partnering institutions from Asia for the EMMIR programme. CRG is the financial partner and RBU is the co-partner as educational institute alongside CRG. Paula Banerjee (Professor, University of Calcutta and Member, Calcutta Research Group) is the co-ordinator for the project.

The project aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to deal with issues of migration in and to Europe and in a global context. Student’s mobility is understood as a key to mutual understanding of different views and cultures of migration and movement and will sharpen intercultural sensitivity. Graduating students will be awarded a joint degree by all EMMIR partnering institutions.

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## **2.6. Understanding Human Rights, in collaboration with Sarojini Naidu College, Kolkata (2021-2022)**

West Bengal State University has incorporated a paper on Human Rights as discipline-specific elective for both Honours and General students at the Undergraduate level. CRG collaborated with the Sarojini Naidu College in conducting a course on Human Rights with special focus on statelessness, refugees, migrants, internally displaced persons and forced migration. The course was jointly run by Sarojini Naidu College and CRG in both online and offline modes. The online mode will have a teaching duration of 30 hours. Physical lectures will be conducted by faculties of Sarojini Naidu College and selected online lectures will be delivered by researchers/scholars from CRG. The course is distributed in three modules viz. 'Understanding Human Rights', 'Human Rights and the Cases of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Stateless People', and 'Human Rights and Changing Times'. On completion of the course, certificates will be jointly issued by both the partnering institution.

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## **2.7. India's Growing Migrant Worker Population and Housing Crisis, in collaboration with Knowledge Democracy Collective (March-December 2022)**

In the backdrop of a massive reverse migration that took place in India at the time of the Covid-19 lockdown, Calcutta Research Group and Knowledge Democracy Collective (KDC) collaborated to understand the housing and employment problems of India's internal migrant workers. The studies will be conducted in Delhi and Kolkata. The main objectives of the project are:

- collect the disaggregated and isolated existing database on rural-urban migrant workers, various variables in terms of caste, religion, ethnicity, and gender and try to map how these groups faced differential difficulties. This part of the study will be statistical/quantitative in nature and based on historical data
- generate qualitative-ethnographic data on two sites of migrant workers
- document narratives about the migrant workers' housing and employment-related issues
- bring the policy-makers, academics, collectives, and the workers in a dialogue

Kaveri and Imran Philip are the researchers working on this project.

## **3. WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND DIALOGUES**

### **3.1. Online Workshop: Researchers' Proposal Presentation**

Over the past few decades, there has been an increase in the momentum where people have been forced to leave their home(land) and become migrants either to avoid violence and extremism, climatic changes, work, health, etc. But how far a person migrates from the locale of home determines the distancing from the responsibility of the states-nation in its offerings of affectionate care. The greater the distance the lesser is the visibility of citizen-migrant in gross domestic development to the point of becoming invisible stateless. Such invisibilities require thorough protection mechanism if not to insulate but to offer a dignity in life in resettlement and asylum. Six staff researchers under RLS and IWM projects presented their research proposals developing on the above idea in an online workshop held on 20 May 2021. The workshop was attended by faculties from different universities and institutes in India. For a detailed report see: [Report CRG Researchers Workshop May 2021.pdf \(mcr.ac.in\)](https://mcr.ac.in/Report_CRG_Researchers_Workshop_May_2021.pdf)

### **3.2 The Migrant in the Electoral Time: A Report on Bihar, West Bengal and Assam, in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, 30 June 2021 (Hybrid), Kolkata**

As part of its collaborative research on the diverse life worlds of the migrants and refugees across the world, CRG conceptualised this project in February 2021 with the objective to study the migrants as subjects of politics in the Assembly elections in Bihar, Bengal and Assam. Under the guidance of Ranabir Samaddar, Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies at CRG, Anamika Priyadarshini, and Gopal Krishna studied Bihar elections [2020] and staff researchers from CRG, Ankur Tamuli Phukan studied Assam elections (2021) and Rajat Kanti Sur and Priyanka Dey studied West Bengal elections (2021). As an outcome of their research, three regional reports were produced and discussed in an online workshop on 30 June 2021. The research reports have been compiled as a book published by Frontpage in 2022. For the report, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Report%20on%20the%20online%20discussion%20Election%202021.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Report%20on%20the%20online%20discussion%20Election%202021.pdf)

For the concept note, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Migration\\_Research\\_2021.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Migration_Research_2021.asp)

### **3.3. CRG Panels at IASFM18: Disrupting Theory Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship & Policy**

Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG) as an institutional member of the organisation participated in the conference, in collaboration with the University of Ghana, Accra (Hybrid), 26-30 July 2022, supported by IWM, Vienna. The conference aimed at understanding the contested identities of the refugee and analysis of protection mechanisms in the Global North and Global South and their operational differentiation at the micro-geographic level. The two panels organised by CRG were '*Forced Migration and Inequality*' on 28 July 2021; and '*A Postcolonial Engagement with the Issue of Protection: The Kolkata Declaration of 2018*' on 29 July 2021. The panels aimed at detailing how inequality when conjoined to the refugee identity becomes a beacon of double marginalization that overshadows the capacity approach of mobility and the everyday struggles in reshaping the socio-economic and political identity of the refugees, stateless and asylum seekers.

For the report, see: [CRG Report IASFM18-28&29July2021.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](#)

### **3.4. Staff Researchers Workshop**

The CRG staff researchers Ankur Tamuli Phukan, Anand Upendran, Rajat Kanti Sur, Rituparna Datta, Priyanka Dey, Shatabdi Das presented their studies on immigrant protection laws, foreigners' tribunals and migrant identity, refugee issues in election campaigns, media and migrants, public health in refugee camps and colonies, ecology and displacement respectively. The working papers were discussed by invited resource persons from several universities in Kolkata on 8 October 2021. For details, see: [Report\\_Staff Researchers' Workshop.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](#)

### **3.5. Long 2020**

The 'Long 2020' Workshop organised in collaboration with IWM, Vienna, served as an overarching theme for CRG's 2021 research programme in migration and forced migration and attempted to rethink issues of

epidemiological governance, jurisprudence, public health, labour, and the idea of ‘crisis’ with a special focus on refugees and migrants, from a conjoined perspective of history and present experiences. The Long 2020 research segment had eleven contract researchers-Amit Prakash, Byasdeb Dasgupta, Iman Mitra, Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, Paula Banerjee, Sabir Ahmed and Madhurilata Basu, Samata Biswas, Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, Jyothi Krishnan, Ritu Menon; and one staff researcher-Priyanka Dey. Selected research papers written in this segment are being compiled as an edited volume with Springer, edited by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty (Retired Professor, Presidency University), Paula Banerjee (Professor, University of Calcutta) and Kaustubh Mani Sengupta (Assistant Professor, Bankura University). For details on ‘Long 2020’, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Migration\\_Research\\_2021.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Migration_Research_2021.asp).

For the report on the Long 2020 workshop, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Report\\_long\\_2020.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Report_long_2020.pdf)

### **3.6. Bengal-Bihar Dialogue**

In 2021 CRG-IWM hosted ‘One Dialogue on Migration and Conflict’ titled as *Bengal-Bihar Dialogue* on 29-30 September, 2021, Kolkata to rethink the constant process of making and remaking of the two contiguous regions, divided by politico-administrative, economic and cultural boundaries, in a comparative and connected framework of migration of population and ideas. The Bengal-Bihar Dialogue unanimously called for an ‘Eastern India Comprehensive Justice Initiative’ after recognizing the various themes of injustice that the discussions brought up. It was decided that the second round of the Dialogue would be held in Bihar.

For details, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Bengal-Bihar%20Report.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Bengal-Bihar%20Report.pdf)

### **3.7. Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrant and Refugees (2021)**

For a detailed discussion see Section 1 on Annual Research and orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees.

For the Report, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021\\_Home.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/RLS_Migration_2021_Home.asp)

### **3.8. Media and the Politics of Migration (2021)**

As the prolonged lockdown which accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic brought the wheel of life to a standstill throughout the country, migrant workers encountered severe hardships. In 2020, the Media Workshop of the Calcutta Research Group devoted itself to understanding this impact of the pandemic inflicted on the lives and livelihoods of migrant workers. While examining the precarious existence of migrant workers, the Workshop questioned whether their predicament was not aggravated by the absence of appropriate government interventions. In collaboration with IWM, a two day workshop on media and migrants was held from 3-4 December 2021, Kolkata. For the report, see: [Microsoft Word - Media Report\\_1 \(mcrg.ac.in\)](#)

### **3.9. Workshop on the Living Archive (2021)**

Calcutta Research Group (CRG) became interested in building an online living archive after witnessing the sufferings encountered by migrant labourers during the pandemic and ensuing lockdown. The Living Archive on CRG's website presently contains news clippings, YouTube videos, Facebook links and blogs on the crisis inflicted on migrant labourers by the pandemic. CRG has collected at least two hundred select items and uploaded them. A one-day workshop on Living Archive was organised by CRG and RLS on 21 December 2021 with the aim of taking forward the initiative and dissemination of a larger collective. For the detailed report, see: [Report\\_Living\\_Archive.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](https://mcrg.ac.in/Report_Living_Archive.pdf)

### **3.10. CRG Staff Researchers' Workshop (2022)**

The CRG Staff Researchers' Workshop on 28 January 2022 was held online. It was attended by a total of twenty participants including the resource persons, researchers and other invitees. The themes of research of the four staff researchers namely Ankur Tamuli Phukan, Rajat Kanti Sur, Rituparna Datta and Shatabdi Das were ecology and identity, cooperatives, labour and health, environment and climate respectively. For details, see: [Microsoft Word - Report on CRG Staff Researchers Workshop-28 January 2022 \(mcrg.ac.in\)](https://mcrg.ac.in/Microsoft_Word_-_Report_on_CRG_Staff_Researchers_Workshop-28_January_2022.pdf)

### **3.11. Teachers' Online Course and Workshop (2022)**

#### **Reading Refugees, Reading Migration: An Online Orientation Course for College and University Teachers**

This course of fourteen days spanning across seven weekends from 17 July-29 August 2021 with sixteen classes was conceptualised as a benchmark in the silver jubilee year of Calcutta Research Group. This online course is the culmination of CRG's yearlong deliberations on pedagogy and migration studies. The workshop was supported by IWM, Vienna. The broad themes taught during the course were statelessness, public health, ethics, refugeehood, research methods in migration, labour, literary and cultural texts and digital ethnography. All the lectures of this online course have been uploaded on CRG's YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV\\_6wzClxaM&list=PLBF-WP5vW1kvungtxBRGK4uNtRYQIkuBR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV_6wzClxaM&list=PLBF-WP5vW1kvungtxBRGK4uNtRYQIkuBR)

For the detailed report, see:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Teachers\\_Workshop/CRG\\_RRRM\\_report\\_September\\_2021.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Teachers_Workshop/CRG_RRRM_report_September_2021.pdf)

#### **Second Two Day Teachers' Workshop on Syllabus Making and Research Methods in Migration and Forced Migration Studies**

The Workshop was organised as a follow-up to the teachers' online course from 23-24 February 2022 in Kolkata. The workshop focused on syllabus-making exercises through world café and other consultative methods. Sudeep Basu, Ananya Chatterjee, and Suchismita Majumdar framed educational resource material as teaching tools and aids as well as curriculum for migrants and children. Research methods, challenges in educating migrant and refugee students, issues of pedagogy, strategies for navigating bias and prejudice in the classroom, historical ownership of knowledge, etc., drawing upon experiences in

the classroom or institutional settings were some of the main themes of discussion. For details, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/IWM\\_Migration\\_Teachers\\_2021.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/IWM_Migration_Teachers_2021.asp)

### **3.12. Youth Meet on 'Ethics of Solidarity, Care and Protection' (2022)**

The Youth Meet from 13-16 March 2022, Darjeeling, in collaboration with IWM, Vienna as part of its Europe-Asia Research Platform was planned as a forum of solidarity meet for activists, scholars, trade unionists, labour migrants to share their experiences of individual/collective and institutional efforts at managing and responding to the multiple crisis that became 'syndemic' in personal-public lives during the Covid pandemic. The participants shared their stories of dealing with the pandemic while questioning the ethics of care. The Youth Meet became a forum of diverse global representation from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Austria, and Czech Republic.

### **3.13. Forthcoming Workshops and Conferences [April 2022 onwards]**

- Summer camp on "South Asian Labour Migration and Maritime Migrants", *in collaboration with IWM Vienna, Nepal Institute of Peace, Alliance for Social Dialogue, Nepal*, 21-23 May 2022, Kathmandu.
- Media Workshop on "Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of Media", *in collaboration with IWM, RLS, DW & CJA-India*, 24-25 August 2022, Kolkata.
- Third Teachers' Workshop on "Teaching Migration: An Interdisciplinary Teachers' Workshop in Migration and Refugee Studies" *in collaboration with IWM, Vienna*, September 9-10, 2022, Kolkata.
- "Seventh Annual Research & Orientation Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants", *in collaboration with RLS & IWM*, 14-19 November 2022, Kolkata.

## **4. PUBLIC LECTURES AND WEBINARS**

### **4.1. Public Lectures**

- **"Borders and Mobility" (online)**  
Online Lecture by Ranabir Samaddar (Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group) held on 5 April 2021 at 6 p.m. IST. The session was moderated by Nasreen Chowdhury (Department of Political Science, Delhi University). For Report: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Report\\_on\\_Public\\_Lecture\\_5April2021%20border%20and%20mobility.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Report_on_Public_Lecture_5April2021%20border%20and%20mobility.pdf).  
For Video Link, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d521zQJyDms>.
- **"Fleeing and Staying: A nuanced view of the Bangladesh Refugee Crises of 1971" (online)**  
Online Public Lecture by Meghna Guhathakurta (Executive Director, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh and Former Professor of International Relations, University of Dhaka) on 4 June 2021, 7 p.m. IST. The Lecture was moderated by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury (Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata and Honorary Director, CRG). In this Lecture, Prof. Guhathakurta talked about the refugee crisis in erstwhile East Pakistan during the Bangladesh Liberation War and Operation

Searchlight—the displacement, violence and the uncertainty of survival that plagued the people who suffered the ordeal at that point of time. For Report:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/Report\\_Meghna\\_Guhathakurta.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/Report_Meghna_Guhathakurta.pdf)

For Video Link, see: <https://youtu.be/Pk5Y7uaBPH0>

- **“Perspectives on Human Mobility: Normative & Political”**

The Public Lecture by Achin Chakraborty (Professor of Economics and the Director of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata) was held on 28 October 2021, 6 p.m. IST at Swabhumi. The Lecture was chaired by Byasdeb Dasgupta (Professor of Economics, University of Kalyani and President, CRG). The Lecture was supported by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung. In this lecture, Prof. Chakraborty investigated about the connections between freedom and economic conditions of migrants and the kinds of policies that are required for out-migrants. For report:

[http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/RLS\\_Public\\_Lecture\\_Report.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/RLS_Public_Lecture_Report.pdf)

For Video Link, see: [https://youtu.be/qqs71YUq7\\_k](https://youtu.be/qqs71YUq7_k)

- **"The Impossibility of Politics: Brecht, Manto and Two Itinerant Situations"**

This Lecture delivered by Ranabir Samaddar (Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group) was held on 19 October 2021 in the library hall of the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna.

For Video Link, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp0TDg7q7rg>

#### **4.2. Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture**

The Ninth Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture on “Migrants, Migrant Economy, and the Philippines” was delivered by Walden Bello (State University of New York at Binghamton, USA) on 20 November 2021, in the Valedictory Session of the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*. The session was chaired by Ranabir Samddar (Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, CRG). The lecture was held on hybrid mode.

For details see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/Report\\_on\\_Migration.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/Report_on_Migration.pdf)

#### **4.3. Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture**

The Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture was a part of the Ninth Krishna Memorial Awards for Women Educationists, Students and Caregivers. The Lecture was delivered by Dr. Sunandan Basu (Neuro Surgeon, Medica Super Speciality Hospital, Kolkata) and was chaired by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty (Retired Professor, Presidency College, Kolkata).

#### **4.4. Webinars**

- **“Afghanistan: Transition and Justice”**

Paula Banerjee (Professor, Department of South and South-East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, and CRG), Nergis Canefe (Associate Professor, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University) and Giorgia Dona (Professor of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, University of

East London) were the panelists in this webinar. The discussion was moderated by Anita Sengupta (Director, Asia in Global Affairs and CRG) on 8 November 2021, 6.30 p.m. IST. The webinar was supported by IWM, Vienna. The webinar focused on the position of Afghanistan as a nation in constant flux and how a system of justice can be established to mobilise humanitarian efforts in the country. For Video Link, see: <https://youtu.be/4bTnTSwzuJc>

- **“Politics of Reporting Migrants and Refugees in Europe and Asia”**

The speakers in the virtual session of the Media Workshop on “Politics of Reporting Migrants and Refugees in Europe and Asia”, on 3 December 2021, 4 p.m. IST, were Bertil Lintner (Author and Journalist, Thailand), Muktadir Rashid (New Age, Bangladesh) and Reka Kinga Papp (Eurozine, Austria). This virtual session was a part of the Media Workshop organised by Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the IWM, Vienna.

- **“Challenges of Archiving the Labour and the Migrants”**

A webinar on the topic was held on 21 December 2021, 04:00 p.m. IST as part of the Living Archive Workshop in collaboration with RLS. The panellists were Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IISER-Mohali, India), Nergis Canefe (York University, Canada), Anant Maringanti (Urban Lab, Hyderabad, India). The webinar was chaired by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty (Retired Professor, Presidency College, Kolkata, India and CRG).

- **“Pedagogy of Migration Studies: A Roundtable”**

A roundtable discussion was held on 13 January 2022, 6 p.m. IST. The panellists were Anju Mary Paul (Professor, Social Research and Public Policy, Yale–NUS College, Singapore), Joyce C.H. Liu (Chair Professor, Institute of Social Research and Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan) and Natalija Perišić (Professor, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Belgrade, Serbia). The session was moderated by Professor Paula Banerjee (University of Calcutta and CRG). The session focused on discussion around the pedagogical aspects of the academic field of migration and forced migration studies in the entangled contexts of the postcolonial world and Europe. For Report, see: <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/05/01/a-report-on-pedagogy-of-migration-studies-a-roundtable/>

- **“Women, Migration and Cultural Production: A Panel Discussion”**

Organized by CRG in collaboration with IWM as part of the “Two Day Teachers’ Workshop on Syllabus Making and Research Methods in Migration and Forced Migration Studies”, on 23 February 2022 at 12 p.m. IST. It was a conversation between Asha Singh (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata) and Aparna Eswaran (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi). Rajat Kanti Sur was the Discussant. For Report, see: <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/04/29/report-on-women-migration-and-cultural-production-a-panel-discussion/>



- **“A Lecture on Migration and Sexual Violence”**

Organized by CRG in collaboration with IWM as part of the “Two Day Teachers’ Workshop on Syllabus Making and Research Methods in Migration and Forced Migration Studies”, on 23 February 2022 at 4 p.m. IST. The speaker was Chris Dolan (Professor, Refugee Law Project). This lecture focused on how to look at sexual violence in the context of forced migration. For Report, see:

<https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/05/26/report-on-a-lecture-on-migration-and-sexual-violence-by-chris-dolan/>

- **“Exploring the Education- Development Nexus through a Migration/ (Im)mobility Lens”**

Organized by CRG in collaboration with IWM, this panel discussion was part of the “Two Day Teachers’ Workshop on Syllabus Making and Research Methods in Migration and Forced Migration Studies”, on 24 February 2022 at 5 p.m. IST. The speakers were Elaine Chase (Professor of Education, Wellbeing and International Development, University College of London) and Amy North (Associate Professor, Education, Practice & Society, University College of London). They spoke of the connections between education and migration and how the idea of development connects and interacts at the local, national, and worldwide levels to affect individuals, communities, societies, ideas, values, and action.

For Report, see: <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/05/04/report-on-exploring-the-education-development-nexus-through-a-migration-immobility-lens/>

#### 4.5. Seminars

- **“Forced Migration and Inequality”**

A panel was organised by Calcutta Research Group in the virtual conference of the IASFM18: “Disrupting Theory, Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship and Policy” in collaboration with University of Ghana, Accra from 26-30 July 2021, with the support of IWM, Vienna. The panellists were Nasreen Chowdhury (Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi), Romola Sanyal (London School of Economics), Biswajit Mohanty (University of Delhi), Shamna Thacham Poyil (University of Delhi).

For Report, see: [CRG Report IASFM18-28&29July2021.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](#)

- **“A Postcolonial Engagement with the Issue of Protection: The Kolkata Declaration of 2018”**

A panel was organised by the Calcutta Research Group in the virtual conference of IASFM18: “Disrupting Theory, Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship and Policy” in collaboration with University of Ghana, Accra from 26-30 July, 2021, with the support of IWM, Vienna. The panel was held on 29 July 2021. The panellists were Giorgia Dona (University of East London), Nergis Canefe (York University) and Paula Banerjee (University of Calcutta and CRG). For Report, see: [CRG Report IASFM18-28&29July2021.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](#)

#### 5. REPORT ON THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR (2021-22)

Professor Ranabir Samaddar is the Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies in the Calcutta Research Group, since 2015. The Chair is thankful to the Members of CRG as well as to the



funding institutions for enabling the activities of the Chair. Extension of collaborative activities with other institutions and implementation of the mandate of the Chair are in progress ([http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished\\_Chair.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished_Chair.asp)).

### **5.1. Chair's Page on CRG Website**

The Chair's page on CRG website ([http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished\\_Chair\\_CO.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished_Chair_CO.asp)) has information on Chair's activities since 2015. The lectures, discussions, keynote addresses, paper presentations and book discussions of the Chair at conferences and seminars organised by universities and research institutes are enlisted on the DC page under the Programmes and Activities sections ([http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished\\_Chair\\_PA.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished_Chair_PA.asp)). The publications of the Chair since 2015 can be found in the publications section of the webpage ([http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished\\_Chair\\_P.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished_Chair_P.asp)). The audio-visual repository in the webpage has a collection of the Chair's lectures, discussions and conversations at panels and sessions of conferences of several research institutes and universities ([http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished\\_Chair\\_AV.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Distinguished_Chair_AV.asp)).

### **5.2. Chair's Associates**

The Chair's associates are Shatabdi Das and Rituparna Datta.

Shatabdi Das is researcher at the Calcutta Research Group (2018-2020 and 2021-present). She is currently working on urbanisation and climate crisis in Kolkata. She has previously worked in CRG on migrant workers and displacement in the coalfields, mapping of development, disasters and displacement in India and labour in riverine borderland. She was awarded PhD in Geography from the University of Calcutta in 2020. She has been a Junior Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, in April 2022, in the Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration.

Rituparna Datta is researcher at the Calcutta Research Group (2021-present) and is working on the living conditions and architectural designs in indentured mobility. She has studied migrants, refugees and identity politics and their representation in media. Rituparna has an M.Phil. in History from the University of Calcutta. She is currently also pursuing her PhD from the Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on discourses on health and well-being of Indian coolie women in indentured servitude (1830-1920). She is editorial assistant with the Refugee Watch journal.

### **5.3. Activities of the Distinguished Chair**

In the year under consideration, the Chair piloted CRG's research programmes, and assisted in its orientation activities. He was one of the Module Tutors in the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, November 2021*, organised by CRG, in Kolkata. He also completed his work on the Indian migrant workers during the pandemic, published in an edited book volume in 2021.

#### **5.3.1. Positions in Different Committees**

- Member, Advisory Board, Human Migration Research, F1000 Research, Taylor & Francis Open Research Gateway (2021-23).
- The Editorial Committee, Inventory, on Mobility and Socio-Economic Change, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (2021-present).
- International Advisory Committee of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg, for PH.D. Scholarships Programme on "Beyond Borders" (2020-2022).

- Member, Permanent Fellow of the Research Programme on “Soft Authoritarianisms”, University of Bremen (2020-2022).
- Faculty, Global Scholars Academy, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, and Institute of Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (2020-present).
- International Advisory Committee of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg, for Ph.D. Scholarships Programme on “Beyond Borders” (2020-2022).
- Member, Permanent Fellow of the Research Programme on “Soft Authoritarianisms”, University of Bremen (2019-2022).

### 5.3.2. Visits and Fellowships

- Ranabir Samaddar as one of the Heads of Project for the *Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration* visited the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), in Vienna, from 1 February to 31 March 2022. He worked on ‘**Acts of Interpretation**’ during the fellowship at the institute. He worked on ‘**Interpretation and Heterogeneity**’ during his visit at IWM from 1 September to 31 October 2021.
- Visit to University of Bologna (4-6 March 2022) and discussion on Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration, workshop in Kathmandu and 'Digitised Migrants' conference to be held in Istanbul.
- Visit to the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) headquarters in Berlin and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology at Halle (14-17 March 2022) with discussion on possible collaborations in areas of care work, and labour migration to the Middle-east and expansion of Asian network.

### 5.3.3. Publications

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#### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Samaddar, Ranabir. “For the Migrant, the Way is the Life.” In *Viapolitics: Borders, Migration, and the Power of Locomotion*, edited by William Walters, Charles Heller, and Lorenzo Pezzani. Durham: Duke University Press, 2022.
- Samaddar, Ranabir. “Globalisation, Migrant Labour, and Capitalism.” In *Rethinking Alternatives with Marx – Economy, Ecology, and Migration*, edited by Marcello Musto. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan, 2021.
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#### 5.3.4. Interviews, Lectures, Panel Discussions

##### Interviews

- "A Southern View on the Ukraine War." *MoLab Inventory, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*. 15 March 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh-qNAAKxUdXW9iL8XFq2PZlwom4jhUD9>
- "The European Left and New Forms of Imperialism." *MoLab Inventory, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*. 15 March 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh-qNAAKxUdXW9iL8XFq2PZlwom4jhUD9>
- "Humanitarianism and War." *MoLab Inventory, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*. 15 March 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKGRU9dtcRk&list=PLh-qNAAKxUdXW9iL8XFq2PZlwom4jhUD9&index=2>
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- "Biopolitics from Below." *Democracy in Question, Central European University*. 18 October 2021. <https://www.ceu.edu/article/2021-10-27/biopolitics-below-ranabir-samaddar>

- “A Cultural Battle in Fought in Every Village in West Bengal,” with Sidharth Bhatia. *The Wire*. 20 April 2021. <https://thewire.in/politics/podcast-west-bengal-elections-ranabir-samaddar>

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- Ranabir Samaddar was **Module Coordinator for Module C: Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economics, Politics, and Gender Division**, in the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*.
- Chaired the ‘Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture: “Migrants, Migrant Economy, and the Philippines” 15-20 November 2021.
- Chaired the Keynote Lecture on “Facilitating Human Mobility? The Global Compacts”, by Francois Crepeau of McGill University, Canada, on 19 November 2021, in the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*.
- **Lecture:** “Layers of Solidarity”, as part of Module F (Protection Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity) on 18 November 2021, in the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*.
- Ranabir Samaddar was Chair for the Special Lecture on “Fishermen, Statelessness, and the Sea” by Joyce C.H. Liu of National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan, on 17 November 2021, as part of the Module E (Derogation of Rights of Refugees and Migrants, and Situations of Statelessness) Lecture of the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*.
- **Discussion:** CRG Declaration ‘An Appeal for a Coherent Refugee Policy for Afghanistan, 2021’ on 20 November 2021, in the *Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference, 15-20 November 2021*. [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS\\_Migration\\_2021/Kolkata\\_Appeal\\_Afghanistan-2021.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2021/Kolkata_Appeal_Afghanistan-2021.pdf)

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- “The Impossibility of Politics: Brecht, Manto and Two Itinerant Situations.” *IWM*. 17 October 2021. <https://www.iwm.at/index.php/event/the-impossibility-of-politics-brecht-manto-and-two-itinerant-situations>, and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp0TDg7q7rg>
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- “Borders and Mobility.” *Calcutta Research Group*. 5 April 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d521zQJyDms&t=682s>

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- “Beyond Refuge Virtual Summer School on Refugee Rights and Forced Migration”, organised by BABSEACLE, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) and the Asia Pro Bono Conference and Access to Justice Exchange Secretariat in collaboration with Calcutta Research Group, Open Society Justice Initiative, Centre For Peace and Justice/BRAC University, 23-26 August, 2021. <https://www.babseacle.org/refugee-protection/>
- “A Postcolonial Engagement with the Issue of Protection: The Kolkata Declaration of 2018.” *IASFM18: Disrupting Theory, Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship and Policy*. 29 July 2021. [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM\\_Migration\\_2021/Poster\\_IASFM18.pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2021/Poster_IASFM18.pdf)
- “Forced Migration and Inequality.” *IASFM18: Disrupting Theory, Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship and Policy*. 28 July 2021. <https://iasfm.org/iasfm18/program/>
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## 6. PUBLICATIONS

### 6.1. Journal

CRG’s flagship Journal publication *Refugee Watch: A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration* (ISSN: 2347-405X) has been in circulation since 1998, focusing on issues of migration and mobility at various cross points. Issues 55-57 edited by Paula Banerjee has been published between January 2021 to March 2022.

- Issue 57: ‘A Special Issue on Public Health,’ published in collaboration with IWM. It covered issues related to public health crisis and the pandemic. [RW57.pdf \(mcrg.ac.in\)](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RW57.pdf)

- Issue 58: 'A Special Issue on Displacement and Dispossession,' published in collaboration with IWM. It covered the role of geopolitics and cities as a method in understanding displacements and dislocations. [RW58.pdf \(mcrgh.ac.in\)](https://www.mcrgh.ac.in/rw58.pdf)

## 6.2. Online Journal: Refugee Watch Online

CRG maintains an online co-publication of Refugee Watch Online (RWO) hosted at <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/> and presents brief news, reports, views, and comments while drawing political and social attention to the human rights of the forcibly displaced persons. The editorial team has Anwesha Sengupta, Debarati Bagchi, Ananya Chatterjee, Sucharita Sengupta and Samata Biswas. The blog has its social media handles Facebook: @refugeewatchonline, Twitter handle: @rwatchonline and Instagram profile @refugeewatchonline.

### Articles

- "Hooghly: A River, a Book, and Experiment," <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/12/29/hooghly-a-river-a-book-an-exhibition-and-a-sonic-experiment/>
- "Twenty Years of Marginal Nation: A Book Symposium" <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/10/08/twenty-years-of-the-marginal-nation-a-book-symposium%ef%bf%bc/>
- "Violence in the City: Calcutta Riots of 1946 and Experiences of Muslim Residents" <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/10/08/twenty-years-of-the-marginal-nation-a-book-symposium%ef%bf%bc/>

### Reports

- "Chotoder Border: A Conversation between Rituparna Roy and Manjira Saha" <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/12/11/report-chotoder-border-a-conversation-between-rituparna-roy-and-manjira-saha/>
- "Panel Discussion on Teaching Migration in South Asia" <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/06/21/report-panel-discussion-on-teaching-migration-in-south-asia/>

### Reviews

- 'Review: The Nutmeg's Curse,' <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/12/20/review-the-nutmegs-curse/>
- 'Review: The Age of Pandemic,' <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/06/19/book-review-the-age-of-pandemics/>

## 6.3. Books

- India's Migrant Workers and the Pandemic, eds. Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Paula Banerjee and Ranabir Samaddar (Social Science Press, 2022).
- Migrants in Electoral Time: Reports on Assam, Bihar and West Bengal Assembly Elections 2020-2021 (Frontpage Publications Limited, 2022).
- Mahamarir Nana Shimanay: Covid-19 Ebong Parijayi Samaj, ed. Rajat Roy (Progressive Publishers, 2022).
- Epidemic, Migrants and the Media: A Reader, ed. Bharat Bhushan, Routledge (Forthcoming).
- New Frontiers in the Registrar of Migration and Refugee Studies, ed. Nasreen Chowdhory, Springer (Forthcoming).

- The Long 2020- Reflections of Epidemiological Times, eds. Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, Paula Banerjee, Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, Springer (Forthcoming).
- Climate Change Impact in South Asia (Working Title), ed. Priya Srinivasan, Yoda Press (Forthcoming).
- On the Margins of Protection, ed. Paula Banerjee, Orient BlackSwan (Forthcoming).

#### 6.4. Research Papers: Policies & Practices

The Occasional Papers published by CRG as *Policies and Practices*, 2021-2022, are listed here:

Sr.	Title	Authors	Project	Year	Link
129	Brecht, Manto and Two Itinerant Situations	Ranabir Samaddar	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP129.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP129.pdf</a>
128	Election Campaigns as Performance: Migrants and Refugees as an Issue in West Bengal Elections	Rajat Kanti Sur	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP128.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP128.pdf</a>
127	Development and Displacement in the Damodar Valley	Shatabdi Das	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP127.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP127.pdf</a>
126	Two Essays on Rohingya Crisis	Sreetapa Chakraborty and Salwa Jahan	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP126.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP126.pdf</a>
125	Migrants, Refugees and the Contested Questions of Social Protection	Manish K. Jha and Mouleshri Vyas	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP125.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP125.pdf</a>
124	Protection and Punishment: Myths and Realities of Refugee Protection	Nasreen Chowdhory	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP124.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP124.pdf</a>
123	Two Essays on Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity	Samir Kumar Das and Ranabir Samaddar	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP123.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP123.pdf</a>
122	Covid-19 and After: Work, Life, Salience of Primitive Accumulation	Ronak Chhabra	RLS	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP122.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP122.pdf</a>
121	Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economy and Politics	Ranabir Samaddar	IWM	2021	<a href="http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP121.pdf">http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP121.pdf</a>

#### 6.5. Audio-Visual Materials for Reading and Instructional Purposes

CRG in collaboration with IWM-RLS has been producing audio-visual material for reading and instruction purposes.

##### Films

The film 'Calcutta: A City of Transit' produced with the support of IWM, Vienna, focuses on the role played by the port of Calcutta and later the Haldia port in shaping the migrant trajectories of the city through interconnected specific moments of history of mobility through the Calcutta Port viz. indentured



labour mobility, lascars, East Bengal Partition refugees to the Andamans. The film was screened in the CRG office premises on 1 July 2022 and an open discussion was held and will be released shortly.

### **Podcasts**

Utsa Sarmin with the support of RLS has prepared a six series podcasts on migration, ecology and vulnerability in Sunderbans.

### **Lecture Series**

With the continuing collaboration of IWM and RLS, CRG has published “A CRG Series in the Corona Times: Six Lectures on Migrants and Refugees” and “Reading Refugees Reading Migration: Lectures from the (Online) Orientation Course for College and University Teachers” as open access digital educational resources and is available on CRG’s YouTube channel. To view the Lectures, visit: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIXt6rAEqxBcQ9\\_Nz198A/playlists](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIXt6rAEqxBcQ9_Nz198A/playlists)

## **7. LIBRARY, WEBSITE AND ASSETS**

### **7.1. Library**

The library of Calcutta Research Group holds a significantly specialized collection of print and audio resources on topics pertinent to areas of Social Science such as migration, forced migration, human rights, peace, justice, post-colonial democracy, migration studies, and more. This Resource Centre is linked with the Refugee Research Network, responsible for gathering information from a number of institutions and networks. The library has digital access, allowing members of several colleges, universities, research institutes and NGOS, along with research scholars, students and faculty, access to academic material. Books and CDs, however, are available only as hard copies in the library. In terms of numbers, the Library and Resource Centre has about 3315 books, 1383 documents and 237 audio CDs, video and lectures on topics such as law, migration, food, environment, urbanization, displacement, minority rights, advocacy, child rights, human rights, and migration from Northeast India, India’s Look East policy, and more. There are exclusive collections of Newspaper clippings on Northeast India and archived materials on forced migration. The library also has a good collection of donated books on topics such as Modern India, human culture, the sociological imagination, Dalit literature, and more.

The library has subscribed to Koha from the Bengal Library Association since November, 2021. All the books, bibliographic data have been migrated in Koha. Now user can easily access the library books collection through OPAC <https://mcrg-opac.blacloud.in/>. The library books are arranged in a systematic way as per DDC 22<sup>nd</sup> edition classification number wise. Since the longevity of the data is very low in CD, all the digitized documented data of the library is backed up from CD to an external hard drive. A Xerox machine has been installed in the library, so that readers can take printouts as required and a new air-conditioner machine has been installed in the library. The Calcutta Research Group is a subscriber to journals of repute such as JSTOR and Economic and Political Weekly. The subscription of Project-Muse began from September, 2021.

The current library advisory committee consists of Samir Kumar Das, Purna Banerjee, Kishore Kumar Banerjee, Rajat Roy, Rajat Kanti Sur and Binayak Mallick. They are responsible for determining the rules and modes of operation. Binayak Mallick is the current librarian and is responsible for most of the library related activities.



## 7.2. Website

The website of Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group is hosted at [mcrg.ac.in](http://mcrg.ac.in). The website not only acts as the digital platform for showcasing the activities of the institute but also serves as the repository of the research and reference through its archiving of resources curated across various genres and is available on public domain except few restricted by either the copyright laws or are in the process of transmission into digital data. The website has been heuristically designed into seven segments-research and programmes, dialogues and conferences, public lectures and seminars, researchers and board members, distinguished chair, publications and reports, and library and resource centre. The programmes of CRG are updated regularly on its website. The Living Archive resources have increased manifold and have been indexed on a temporal scale. A new secured portal is in the process of updation for hosting the Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference Programme on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants. The website is updated and maintained by Dr. Samaresh Guchhait from the administrative unit of Calcutta Research Group with the support of the Staff Researchers. To increase the digital presence of the institute, Sarbani Deb joined CRG as web assistant to design a new website in July 2021.

## 7.3. Assets

An Asset Register is maintained by the office. During this period one Canon Xerox Machine, one Llyod AC (for library), one big steel shelf and 19 small single steel shelves (for library), six revolving chairs for the administration and researchers' room, one HP colour printer with scanner, one computer for library, six CPU and one Sony voice recorder, one Whirlpool refrigerator were purchased. The old refrigerator, one HP Scanner and Sony voice recorder went out of order and beyond any repair were discarded. The Asset register is updated regularly and the register is open for inspection.

# 8. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

## 8.1. Academic and Administrative Staff

Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury continued as the Director in the year under review. He heads all the administrative and research work. Rajat Kanti Sur, Rituparna Datta and Shatabdi Das continued their work sincerely and efficiently as Project Researchers. Anand Upendran and Priyanka Dey left CRG after the completion of their respective projects. Meanwhile, Ankur Tamuli Phukan left CRG for his Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Debashree Chakraborty, Imran Philip and Kaveri joined as new Project Researchers. Shatabdi Das and Rituparna Datta continued to be Associates of Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies of CRG as well. For details of the staff researchers see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG\\_Researchers\\_RPA.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG_Researchers_RPA.asp) and [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG\\_Researchers\\_RPAssitances.asp](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG_Researchers_RPAssitances.asp)

Binayak Mallick continued as Librarian and Assistant Information Manager. The services of Ashok Kumar Giri, Partha Pratim Sarkar, Samaresh Guchhait and Subhashree Rout were reconfirmed. The part-time service of R. K. Mahato as Library Assistant was also retained.

## 8.2. Twenty-Five Years of CRG

To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> year of CRG with activities, a planning meeting was held on 11 October 2021 and several committees with CRG members as Conveners, Co-conveners and the teams in the committees from among CRG members were constituted to plan the activities of the silver jubilee celebrations. The Pradeep Bose Memorial Award, Distinguished Lectures, Silver Jubilee Lectures, the Critical Studies Conference, documentation of the institutional history of CRG and other programmes were discussed in the meeting.

## 9. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

**Amit Prakash** has published widely on the pandemic and its effects. The following are the publications for the year under review:

- Amit Prakash, Peter B. Andersen, Rubya Mehdi, eds., *Re-interrogating Civil Society in South Asia: Critical Perspectives from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh* (Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge, 2021).
- Guest editor, *India Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2, Special Issue on Reflections on Politics and Policy for a post-Covid-19 Era: Analysing Continuities and Fractures through the First Wave of 2020, 2021.
- Amit Prakash and Stephen McCloskey, 'COVID-19, International Development and the Global Economy' (jointly with) in Gerard McCann, Nita Mishra and Padraig Carmody, eds., *COVID-19, the Global South and the Pandemic's Development Impact* (Bristol: The Bristol University Press, 2022, forthcoming)
- "Shadow of the pandemic and the Beleaguered Liberal- Democratic Script in India", *India Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2, 2021, pp. 104-120, DOI: 10.1080/14736489.2021.1895564
- Introduction to a special issue of *India Review*: Reflections on Politics and Policy for a post-Covid-19 Era: Analysing Continuities and Fractures through the First Wave of 2020', *India Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2, 2021, pp. 97-103, DOI: 10.1080/14736489.2021.1904367

**Anup Sekhar Chakraborty** was awarded 'IPSA National Young Political Scientist Award 2020' by Indian Political Science Association at the 59<sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference, 26-27 March 2022. He has been elected as part of the Editorial Board Member for the Journal Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Springer Nature and guest editor for Special Issue on "LGBTQ+ People in Situations of Forced Displacement," Journal of Refugee Studies, Oxford. His co-authored article on "Covid-19 Pandemic and Yak Economy of Sikkim" has been published by Springer Nature.

**Nasreen Chowdhury and Paula Banerjee's** co-edited book 'Gender, Identity and Migration in India' was published by Palgrave Macmillan, 2022

**Paula Banerjee's** co-edited book 'Mapping Women's History: Recovery, Resistance and Activism in Colonial and Postcolonial India' (Stree Samya) and 'India's Migrant Worker and the Pandemic' (Social Science Press & Routledge) were published in 2021-2022.

**Ritu Menon's** 'Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the Time of Covid (Women Unlimited)' and 'ZOHRA! A Biography in Four Acts' (Speaking Tiger) were published in 2021.

**Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**, Honorary Director, CRG, has written widely on governance and migrants. Few select publications are:

- “Governance of migration in South Asia: The Need for a Decolonial Approach”, in Tamar Mayer and Trinh Tran (eds.), *Displacement, Belonging, and Migrant Agency in the Face of Power* (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2022).
- “The Test of Time: Reconceiving the Limitations of the 1951 Refugee Convention”, in A. B. Ray Chaudhury, (ed.), *Revisiting the 1951 Refugee Convention: Exploring Global Perspectives* (New Delhi: ORF and Global Policy Journal, 2022).
- “Afghanistan: Niskorshi Arthaniti Bonam Manab Biporjoy” (in Bengali) “Afghanistan: Extractive Economy vs. Human Disaster”, *Anushtup*, Vol. 56, No. 1, 2021, pp. 647-657.

**Sanjoy Barbor** has edited a volume titled “Homeland Insecurities: Autonomy, Conflict, and Migration in Assam” (Oxford University Press, 2022).

**V. Ramaswamy** has established himself in the field of literary translation from Bangla. He was selected for the inaugural Translation Fellowship instituted by the New India Foundation. He will be translating the 1946 and 1947 diaries of Nirmal Kumar Bose, together with statistician Amlan Biswas. In the year under review, the following books were translated and published:

- *Life and Political Reality: Two Novellas*, by Shahidul Zahir, the iconic writer from Bangladesh, translated by Ramaswamy together with Shahroza Nahrin.
- *Memories of Arrival: A Voice from the Margins*, a refugee memoir by Adhir Biswas.
- *Pakistan: A Novella*, by Mashiul Alam.

## 10. ROLL OF CRG MEMBERS

Anamika Priyadarshini, Gopal Krishna and Santi Sarkar were invited to be members of the Society. All of them accepted the invitations. CRG welcomes them to the Society. The present roll of members stands as follows and will be subject to revision after the AGM to be held on 26 August 2022:

1. Amit Prakash
2. Ananya Chatterjee
3. Anamika Priyadarshini
4. Anita Sengupta
5. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya
6. Anjuman Ara Begum
7. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty
8. Arup Kumar Sen
9. Asha Hans
10. Atig Ghosh
11. Bharat Bhushan
12. Bishnu Mohapatra

13. Byasdeb Dasgupta
14. Gopal Krishna
15. Iman Mitra
16. Ishita Dey
17. Jishnu Dasgupta
18. K. M. Parivelan
19. Kalpana Kannabiran
20. Kheseli Chishi
21. Krishna Bandyopadhyay
22. Kumar Rana
23. Madhuresh Kumar
24. Madhurilata Basu
25. Mahalaya Chatterjee
26. Mandira Sen
27. Manish K. Jha
28. Manjuri Chatterji
29. Mouleshri Vyas
30. Nasreen Chowdhory
31. Nirmal Kumar Mahato
32. Nirmalya Banerjee
33. Paula Banerjee
34. Prasanta Ray
35. Rajat Roy
36. Rajesh Kharat
37. Ranabir Samaddar (Invitee)
38. Ritu Menon
39. Ruchira Goswami
40. Sabir Ahamed
41. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury
42. Sahana Basavapatna
43. Samata Biswas
44. Samir Kumar Das
45. Samita Sen
46. Sanam Roohi
47. Sanjay Barbora
48. Sanjay Chaturvedi
49. Santi Sarkar
50. Shyamalendu Majumdar
51. Sibaji Pratim Basu
52. Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty
53. Subir Bhaumik

54. Sucharita Sengupta
55. Sudeep Basu
56. Sumona Dasgupta
57. Uttam Kumar Ray
58. V. Ramaswamy

Shyamalendu Majumdar  
Secretary